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**Joint Hearing Announcement**

**“Energy as a Weapon: Implications for US Policy”**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, and Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, will convene an oversight hearing examining our energy dependence of foreign nations and its impact on our foreign policy.

Witnesses from the Departments of Energy and State, as well as from the private sector, will testify on how energy producing countries use energy—the threat and the actual cut-off of supply—as a weapon and the implications for US policy.

Christopher Shays (R-CT) said, “Our national security is threatened by our dependence on foreign countries that do not share our views on democracy or our commitment to combat radical Islamist terrorists. With only three percent of the world's oil, but 25 percent of its use, we can never drill our way to energy security. Only by creating a forward-looking energy policy that reduces demand for energy, especially oil, will we be able to increase our long-term energy independence.”

The hearing, “*Energy as a Weapon: Implications for U.S. Policy*” is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 at 2:00 pm in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC.

Committee on Government Reform  
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and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Energy and Resources

**“Energy as a Weapon: Implications for U.S. Policy”**  
(May 16, 2006)

**Witness List**

**Panel I**

**The Honorable Paul Simons**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy, Sanctions, and Commodity Policy,  
US Department of State

**The Honorable Karen Harbert**  
Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs,  
US Department of Energy

**Panel II**

**Dr. Daniel Yergin**  
Chairman  
Cambridge Energy Research Associates

**Ambassador Keith C. Smith**  
Senior Associate,  
Center for Strategic and International Studies

**Mr. David Goldwyn**  
Goldwyn International Strategies